## Knightdale Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

## Tuesday, September 22, 2015 Knightdale Town Hall-Council Chambers 6:30 pm

Item I.

Call to Order

Angie Strickland

6:30pm

Item II. Update by Town Council Liaison

Mark Swan

- Dropped speed limit in Emerald Pointe
- New code enforcement on trash cans
- Grants to fund connectivity
- Brookfield Station not yet connected to Mingo Creek, long term plan has it connected

Item III. Harper Park Master Plan

Jennifer Currin

Opening Harper Park plan for discussion and going before all boards; Possibility of moving some of the Knightdale Station Park Master Plan elements to Harper Park (Ex: Tennis Courts).

Comments from Advisory Board:

- Larger Track-Out Building
  - O Clarification: the process we are in is for the plan creation, but no current money budgeted for improvements
  - If Track-Out camp remains there, some of the elements of the park should be directed towards campers
- Special needs population (destination park, handicap accessible)
  - o Additional playground being posed for Knightdale Station Park, could potentially incorporate concepts into that playground
- Climbing/active park (ex: climbing wall)
- Questions posed: How busy are the tennis courts at Harper Park?
  - o A lot of use
  - o A few issues with lights and resurfacing needs to be done
  - Clarification: any new courts would potentially be added directly next to current courts
  - o High School courts underutilized (no lights, parking isn't great, poor placement)
  - o North 40 would be a completely separate area
- Question about black top and basketball court
- Extend basketball courts at Mingo Creek

- o Clarification: additional half courts in the plan could be added
- Better drainage
- Potentially with updates a significant amount of trees would be removed

## Item IV. Old Business

K-9 Training facility

Tina Cheek

- Update on use
  - K9 Training facility located at Mingo Creek Park
  - Originally a Master Plan for Mingo Creek Park but no support, so pushed out of Capital Improvement Plan
  - Suggestion from PD to create a K9 officer training space for KPD and outside organizations. This idea went to various boards and committees.
  - Current facility is a temporary facility (fenced in space) and if in the future we needed to repurpose it, we could.
  - Could shift future playground options to the space next to the basketball courts.
  - Comment from board: police presence is great, could add bleachers and use for field trips/spectators

Special Events

Megan Thornton

- Drafts & Carafes
- Dogtoberfest
- Holiday Fair
- Turkey Leg 5k
- Christmas on First Ave
- FT Thursdays
  - Spring (Lunch & Dinner)

## Item V. New Business

- Comment: Sign is awesome, can the town use a similar template for signage around town
- Sign will be landscaped

Website Usage

Tina Cheek

 Put Advisory members through test to find certain items within the website-recorded time. Goal is to make site easier to use for customers.

Comment: Make sure mobile site is updated

Adjourn

Adam moved to Adjourn, Meg Second Angie adjourned meeting at 7:17pp

Chair, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Parks and Recreation Member